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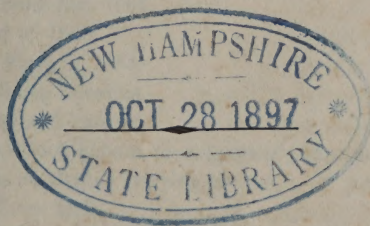
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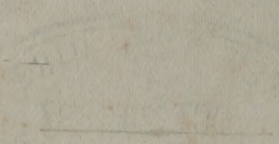
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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Cash in Town Treasury 1865,	863 87
Assessed State, County, Town and School tax,	7594 88
Non Resident Highway tax,	45 28
School-house tax, Dist. No. 2,	560 51
School-house tax, Dist. No. 3,	260 34
School-house tax, Dist. No. 6,	103 06
Dog tax,	18 00
Received Railroad tax of 1865,	139 21
" " " 1866,	161 10
Savings Bank tax, 1866	22 69
State Aid of 1865,	193 20
Literary Fund of 1866,	32 70
United States Bounties,	440 00
State note and interest,	3200 00
County of Rockingham, for support of paupers in 1866,	315 00
For grass on Center Burying ground,	6 00
Use of Town Hall,	20 00
Of R. K. Brickett, Collector of 1863, outstanding taxes,	19 33
" " " 1864,	45 37
" " " 1865,	292 54
Of George Conner for his support in part,	159 18
Hired for the use of the Town,	840 41
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	\$15,332 67

Disbursements.

Paid State tax,	2,040	00
County tax,	615	51
Non Residence highway Receipts of 1866,	33	04 2,688 55
School-house tax, in Dist. No. 2,	550	00
" " " No. 3,	250	00 800 00

School Money.

Paid School District No. 1,	140	99
" " No. 2,	218	60
" " No. 3,	96	30
" " No. 4,	157	85
" " No. 5,	54	93
" " No. 6,	35	00
" " No. 7,	66	14
" " No. 8,	20	02 789 83

For Support of Paupers,

For Rhoda Hoit,	162	54
Thomas Gilbert,	112	59
William Keezer's Children,	75	93
James Smith, 3rd,	105	11
Catharine B. Morse's Child,	67	75
John West,	60	96
Nathaniel Merrick,	62	50
Betsey Kimball,	133	50
James Whittier,	17	50
Clara J. Folansbee,	17	13
Lois J. Maloy,	3	57
Emeline Heath,	5	75
George Conner,	253	45

Cynthia A. Willey's Child	112 86	
Cynthia A. Willey	3 30	
Transient Paupers,	5 00	\$1,199 44

Public Watering Places.

D. C. Girdler for 1865-66,	3 00	
F. A. Pike for 1866	3 00	
James Ricker for 1866,	3 00	\$9 00

Undertakers for Opening Graves.

Ithamar Eaton,	22 50	
John Jackson,	1 50	\$24 00
Repairs on Brown Hill Road,		\$88 50

Snow Paths.

Highway District No. 1,	27 85	
" " No. 2,	33 12	
" " No. 3,	19 90	
" " No. 4,	23 81	
" " No. 5,	33 06	
" " No. 6,	42 21	
" " No. 7,	31 95	
" " No. 8,	25 00	
" " No. 9,	36 03	
" " No. 10,	27 89	
" " No. 11,	2 25	\$303 07
Paid Notes and interest,		\$5,273 18

Miscellaneous.

Paid Isaac W. Smith, costs in suit, House of Reformation vs.	
Hampstead,	32 00
William A. Emerson for Ringing Bell,	40 00
Caleb Moulton for serving Pauper Notice on the Town of	
Plaistow,	6 73
Caleb Moulton, for wood for Town Hall,	3 37
William H. Brown, for sawing wood,	1 25
Morrill & Silsby, for Blanks,	6 26
Joseph S. Parsons, for Certificate,	1 00
Ithamar Eaton, repairing wall around Burying Ground,	1 50
Amos Buck, for Stationery and Stamps,	4 06
do Horse hire,	14 25
do War debt expenses,	49 85
Moses Hoyt, for Pauper business and horse hire,	16 50
Joseph H. Grant, do	5 00
R. K. Brickett, Collector, for settlement,	1 00
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	\$182 77

Town Officers.

Paid Rev. T. C. Pratt, Superintending School Committee,	25 00
H. R. Sawyer, Town Clerk,	10 00
do Stationery, Postage and Blanks,	3 48
R. K. Brickett, collecting Taxes of 1866,	117 60
J. D. Ordway, Moderator in 1866,	4 00
Amos Buck, Town Treasurer,	25 00
do on Pauper business,	34 35
do as Selectman,	49 00
Moses Hoyt, do	26 00
Joseph H. Grant, do	27 00
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	\$321 43

Abatement of Taxes.

On R. K. Brickett's book for 1863,	92
do do 1865,	10 08
do do 1866,	24 84
Paid Discount on Taxes of 1866,	277 49
Auditors,	7 50
Due from R. K. Brickett, uncollected Taxes of 1863,	14 84
do do do 1865,	22 75
do do do 1866,	1625 00
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Cash in the hands of Town Treasurer,	1669 48
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Indebtedness of the Town.

The Town is owing sundry notes amounting to 89107 61

Due the Town.

Due U. S. Government Installment,	1480 00
Claim against the State for Bounties,	2600 00
Unpaid taxes of 1863,	14 84
do 1865,	22 75
do 1866,	1625 00
Claim against the town of Plaistow for the support of Paupers,	223 14

Due from School Dist. No. 6,	12 00	
Cash in the hands of Town Treasurer,	1,669 48	
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Balance being the town debt,		31460 40
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		\$39,107 61

AMOS BUCK, } *Selectmen*
 MOSES HOYT, } *of*
 JOSEPH H. GRANT, } *Hampstead*

The undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding with the same

NELSON ORDWAY, } *Auditors*
 CALEB MOULTON, }
 FRANCIS V. DOW, }

Hampstead, February, 28, 1867.

School District No. 6, unexpended school money of 1866,	48 00	
School-house tax of 1863, collected,	88 76	
“ “ “ uncollected,	11 24	100 00
School-house tax of 1866, collected,	44 58	
“ “ “ uncollected,	55 42	100 00

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF HAMPSTEAD.

YOUR Committee respectfully submit the following Report.

DISTRICT No. 1.

OLIVER PUTNAM, *Prudential Committee.*

The school has been prosperous during the year. Both teachers labored harmoniously with the parents, and the pupils made commendable advance.

The male teacher was particularly successful in winning the good will of his pupils. His school was second to none in town.

DISTRICT No. 2.

NATHAN JOHNSON, *Prudential Committee.*

The first teacher sustained her former high reputation until compelled by the sickness of her father to leave the school. Her successor labored hard to regulate and instruct her young charge. A lack of co-operation on the part of some parents, made the task very difficult. Yet she persevered when others would have retired in despondency.

The great snow-storm almost prevented the closing examination. Judging from the recitations of the few present, the

examination would have been creditable, if all had been present.

DISTRICT No. 3.

DANIEL NICHOLS, *Prudential Committee.*

This school did not commence till August 22. Order prevailed, and the closing examination indicated much progress. Several recitations were above the average.

DISTRICT No. 4.

CHARLES C. EASTMAN, *Prudential Committee.*

The Summer term was pleasantly managed by one who was interested in her work.

The Winter term was fully attended, some older ones being present. The teacher gave more than usual satisfaction. The declamation was superior to what is commonly found in district schools.

DISTRICT No. 5.

ITHAMAR EMERSON, *Prudential Committee.*

This little school was well conducted by a lady who gives her whole soul to the work. Some of the recitations were of a high order, being almost perfect in promptness and accuracy.

DISTRICT No. 6.

EBENEZER HOYT, *Prudential Committee.*

This district had only six weeks schooling. As the teacher expected to continue after the vacation, there was no examination. A correct report of the progress of the school is therefore impossible.

It is pleasant to know that the building of a new house is intimately connected with the shortness of the term.

DISTRICT No. 7.

SAMUEL MORSE, *Prudential Committee.*

This school was full in number, and the house was too much crowded. The government was mild, yet strong enough to prevent disorder. The district was so well satisfied as to employ the same teacher for a private school, after the close of the regular term.

DISTRICT No. 8.

IN CHARGE OF THE SELECTMEN.

This little school was again taught by one who had had no practical experience, but it came fully up to its average. This district needs more money, or a union with number seven.

There are some general matters that require your careful attention.

First, the shortness of the terms in some districts. As a natural result, three-quarters of the year pass without any instruction for the young. Such a vacation enables the younger pupils to forget a good share that they have learned. And are not youthful days too precious to be spent in play to such an extent? They should be devoted to the discipline of the mind and the acquisition of knowledge. And since this cannot well be done—or *will not*—at home, we need schools for twenty or thirty weeks out of every fifty-two. Then will the rising generation be better prepared to act their part in life.

We also need a more even distribution of the school-money. Under the present system, some pupils have seven weeks tuition, while others have twenty-seven. Or, to state the case more fully—for the year, No. 1 has had $19\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; No. 2, 24 weeks; No. 3, $11\frac{1}{2}$ weeks; No. 4, 27 weeks; No.



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5, 12 weeks; No. 7, 13½ weeks; No. 8, 7 weeks. I have not included No. 6, because its funds were not all expended.

Another thing that shortens our schools, is the increased wages paid our best female teachers. Many can earn more in the workshop than in the school-room, and also have more steady employment. We cannot expect them to be blind to their own interests. Besides, the work of teaching is more exhausting than the manual labor of the shop, and more likely to undermine the health of ardent natures. If we would have good teachers, we must pay them for the work they actually perform.

Your Committee has been obliged, in justice to the schools, to introduce new readers and spellers. It was too late when he began the work, to supply all the schools with new books. It is designed to complete the introduction at the beginning of the next year. Parents will therefore refrain from purchasing new readers or spellers until the schools have been visited by the committee.

It is gratifying to observe the interest which many of our citizens take in sustaining our schools. Time spent in visits to the school in term-time, and at the examination, is time well spent. It cheers the teacher, encourages the pupils, and kindles in the heart of the visitor a deeper interest in the true welfare of our youth. Let each parent enter the school-room, and cheer both teacher and pupils. Above all, let him weigh well all the trials, the exertions and the motives of teachers, before he utters loud and violent condemnation.

Finally, let us bless that overruling Power that has cast our lot in this land of free schools, and has blessed our youth with the literary advantages of another year.

THEODORE C. PRATT,

Superintending School Committee.

HAMPSTEAD, March 1, 1867.